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Checking out the new library and a lady loses her skirt

Cambridge Central Library in 1975

A turn-up for the books- 1977

I MANAGED to 'steal' four books from the Cambridge Central Library in Lion Yard, just to test its new and highly complex system of checking books in and out.

I just walked out with them under my arm into the street.

The new system involves photographing a special ticket against the book borrowed. But it will not prevent theft unless the manoeuvre I tried can be made more difficult.

In the old library, one had to pass down a very narrow passageway when taking books out, and my nerve would have failed.

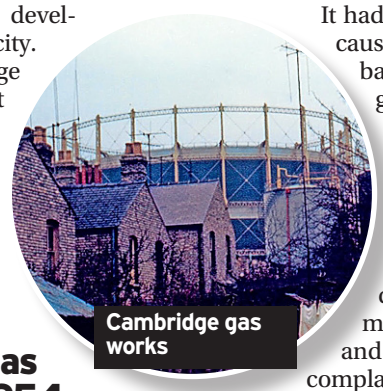
But in the wide-open spaces of the modern library, it held good.

Science Park opens for four - 1975

CAMBRIDGE Science Park was officially opened by Sir Alan Hodgkin, President of the Royal Society and Fellow of Trinity College.

The park came from an idea by Sir Neville Mott, who led a committee that first proposed the setting up of a Science Park in Cambridge to further scientific and industrial development in the city.

Trinity College has spent £650,000 to date on developing the centre. The site has four tenants so far.


Cambridge gas works

Sick of smog at gas works - 1954

PEOPLE living near Cambridge Gas Works have suffered long enough and the council should take more determined action to get rid of 'smog', say councillors.

Residents could not open their windows without getting smoke on their bedding and furniture and could not hang out their washing.

Six years ago, they had been shown elaborate plans for future buildings that would do away with the dust and smoke.

It had been said that the cause of the trouble was bad coal but, even if good coal were used, there would be smoke and ash due to the old methods in use.

The output of the gasworks had doubled to eight million cubic feet and there had been no complaints recently – but that was probably because the residents were too bogged down with soot and grime to make any.

All change for the evening dress - 1927

WHEN the honours degree men

Wet conditions at horse fair - 1900

BUSINESS transactions at Midsummer Horse Fair were carried out under uncomfortable conditions.

Horses of all sizes were put through their paces on the sodden grass.

Business, however, was brisk, cart horses and nags forming the major portion of the stock.

Buyers from many parts of the country were at the fair and quite an average amount of buying and selling was done.

Midsummer Fair horse show